HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 69 By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jordan L. Wells on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Jordan L. Wells, by dint of considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Jay and Cindy Wells, Jordan is currently a student at Middle Tennessee State University; he attended high school at St. Benedict at Auburndale, where he demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, as a talented young man of the highest caliber, Mr. Wells has demonstrated many achievements in drama and choir such as involvement in the theater program at St. Benedict at Auburndale, including work in technical, setting, and performance activities; his membership in the School Show Choir and the University of Tennessee Honor Choir; his position as an All-State Tennessee Honor Choir Alternate; and his reception of the three-year membership award of All-Southwest Tennessee Honor Choir, all of which evidence this young man's exceptional talent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells, in the interest of challenging his intellect and raising the bar of achievement, has generated for himself and his peers many successes, including

his reception of the Southeast Regional Quizmaster Award and Tennessee

District Quizmaster Award, and service as Captain of many quiz teams at the district,
regional, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells' other scholarly achievements include being chosen as a Tennessee Governor's School of the Arts Scholar, his membership on the Mock Trial Team, and his receipt of numerous awards, including being named to the High School Honor Roll, National Honor Roll, and as a Bartlett/Cordova Rotary Club Scholarship Finalist; and

WHEREAS, while attending the prestigious St. Benedict at Auburndale High School, Mr. Wells's dedication to excellence garnered him esteemed positions such as Senior Retreat Leader, Student Ambassador, School Chaplain, a position on the 2003 Tennessee District Impact Team, and Junior Class President; he was also voted "Most Friendly" by his senior class and was the recipient of the Right Choice Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wells, a young man of unwavering faith, has also dedicated his time and labors to serving his church community through his involvement in drama and music, including singing on the worship and praise teams and leading youth group worship; and

WHEREAS, as a Scout of unsurpassed character and commitment, Mr. Wells has held many troop leadership positions, including Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, and Assistant Scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, throughout his laudable tenure thus far as a Brotherhood Member of the Order of the Arrow, Jordan Wells has been rewarded with leadership positions in the Order of the Arrow Lodge, including service as Chapter Secretary, as Chapter Ordeal Master, and as Lodge Ordeal Master; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 459 includes many Merit Badges and a history of distinguished service to his community; and

WHEREAS, Jordan L. Wells' Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Jordan L. Wells, a young man of superior character, commitment, and values, as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE
SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jordan L. Wells on
becoming an Eagle Scout and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.

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